'Country Store' slated

The Hixburg Country Store, located on the farm of John and William Hix, in Hixburg, has not been used as a store for many years. However, the Appomattox Extension Homemakers plan to 'bring it alive' on Saturday, July 17.

On that day, the Sixth Annual Virginia Farm Management Tour will be visiting six farms in Appomattox County. The Hix farm is one of the farms included in the tour.

The Appomattox Extension Homemakers are sponsoring an Arts and Crafts Sale in the Hixburg Store from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., July 17. Also the following demonstrations will be in progress during the day:

Diane Fields from Pelham, N. C. will be spinning, weaving, and dyeing yarn. Miss Fields owns the Picnic Farm Wools in North Carolina. She grows the animals for the wool and dyes it with dyes from vegetables she grows.

Dan Boyer, from Richmond - will demonstrate the art of Stained Glass.

Irene Mays - will be weaving seats into old chairs.

Debbie Powell and Carol Bradley - will be making Pottery - from start to finish.

The bees, belonging to Gilbert and Irene Mays will be there 'doing their thing'. Honey will be on sale.

The Appomattox National Historical Park has recently published a cookbook, giving the secret to some of the best eating in Appomattox. These will be on sale. There will also be Old Virginia cookbooks and Christmas in Appomattox cookbooks and flavoring for sale. Quilts will be on display and for sale, also many other arts and crafts of various kinds.

If you live in Appomattox County and would like to sell your homemade 'Wares', this is a good opportunity. For further information, you may call Katie Martin - 352-5316 or Margaret Ferguson - 993-2877.

Maple Hill Farm

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for sure." The Martins do hire high school boys to help during tobacco and hay harvest seasons.

When Carter and Louise aren't busy on the farm, they can often be found attending a local ball game, a favorite hobby. They have a special interest in the games since daughter Lucy followed in her mother's footsteps, coaching girls' sports at Appomattox High School. Mary Lou, the eldest daughter, is a homemaker and mother of two.

Louise has also taken up traveling since her retirement. "The first time I went to Europe, Carter had just sold a bull," Louise recalled. "Everyone teased me that I rode that bull all over Europe."

"It wouldn't have been so bad if it was just the bull, but it turned out to be half the cows too," Carter joked.

The Martins obviously enjoy life and all it has to offer. "We feel farming is the best life you can have," Carter said.

For your chance to sample the life the Martins have chosen, make plans to attend the sixth annual Virginia Farm Management Tour, Saturday, July 17, in Appomattox County.

Maple Hill Farm will be one of six highly-efficient and profitable farm operations featured to the public from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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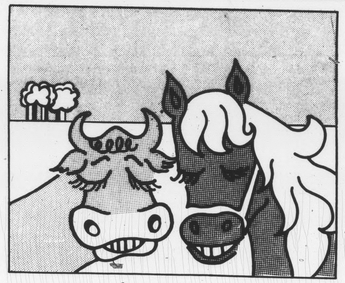

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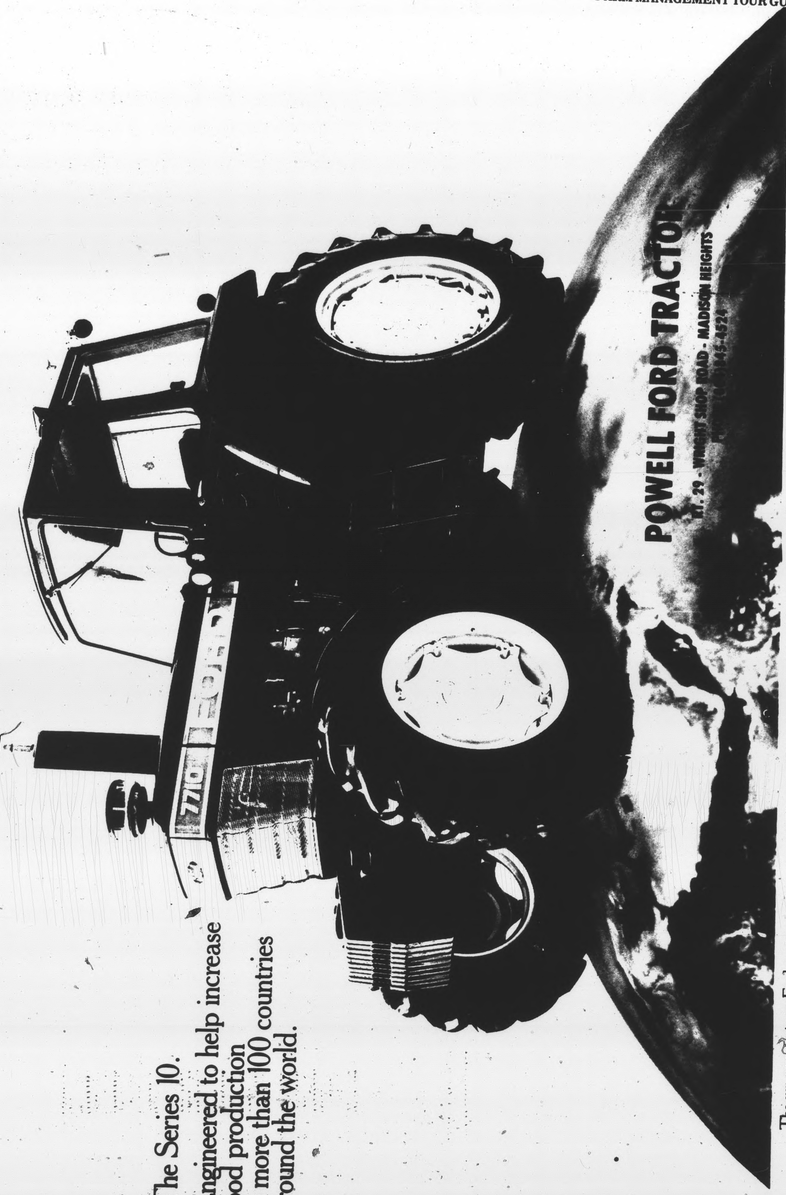

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